REPORT OF THE LEVEY PARK TRUSTEES

Except for two large limbs that broke off from a pine tree and fell into the picnic area, the park came through the 2007-08 winter season relatively unscathed. The spring cleanup included raking out the picnic area and removing broken branches off the trails.

During the winter a new sign was made that depicts the view one sees from the scenic lookout, and gives directions to the path that leads to it. Installed in the picnic area, it was created in the hopes of encouraging more picnickers to utilize the trails. An article in The Baysider this past summer on the subject of parks in Alton suggested that this scenic lookout was one of the "best hidden treasures in town"!

In the spring we purchased seedlings from the Belknap County Conservation District that were planted throughout the park to encourage birds and small wildlife. The varieties selected this year included Bottom Bush, Cherry Nanking, and American Filbert (hazelnut). Once again, Claire Fitzgerald planted and tended to the annual flowers in front of the park's memorial tablet.

Two new directional signs were made that were added to existing trails: a larger sign, visible from the picnic area, that points to the scenic lookout and a sign identifying the river trail. In the interests of making more durable trail markers, a sheet of blue Plexiglas was purchased, cut it into 4" squares, and these were used to replace the old markers throughout the park.

Waterman's Tree Service was engaged to remove two dead pine trees close to route 11 which posed a safety hazard, plus a couple of trees that had "grown into" the view of the scenic lookout.

In August we were saddened by the passing of trustee Kenneth B. Gilbert. Ken was an enthusiastic worker in maintaining and improving the park's trail system, and served as the trustees' secretary for many years. We welcome to the trustees Nancy J. Downing, who was appointed in September by the Board of Selectmen to fill the vacancy.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard N. Jones, Chairman